

ELDERLY REFUGEE SERVICES SYMPOSIUM
SAN BERNARDINO / ORANGE / LOS ANGELES / RIVERSIDE / SAN DIEGO

Present:

- Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) from 4 of 5 counties (except Orange)
- County Refugee Coordinators from 3 counties (San Bernardino and Riverside are non-impacted counties)
- Refugee Services Providers from all 5 counties
- State Staff

Topics Selected	Action by:		Action	Time
	Refugee Providers	AAAs		
<u>Education</u> 1) regarding refugees	X	X	Refugee Providers to educate their local AAAs on the cultural differences of the various refugee groups, problems they face in successful resettlement and key contacts to reach each group of refugees. AAAs to provide opportunities for Refugee Providers to present this information to AAAs.	In the next year.
2) regarding services for elderly		X	AAAs to inform Refugee Providers of elderly services available through each AAA.	

<u>Leadership</u> 1) advocacy 2) grant writing 3) in field of aging	X X	X	Refugee Providers to obtain training in grant writing and seek opportunities to advocate for their clientele, e.g., AAA advisory councils. AAAs to be a resource to Refugee Providers in this area.	
<u>Planning</u> 1) needs assessment 2) goals & objectives	X	X	Refugee Providers to provide information for the required four year needs assessment by the AAA and annual updates. AAAs to establish goals & objectives that reflect the needs of the entire planning and service area including the refugee seniors that reside there.	
<u>Networking</u> 1) AAA Council 2) media, civic, faith, & business communities	X	X	AAAs to network through their council. Refugee Providers to seek ways to network with these groups.	